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**BENDIX HONORS EMPLOYEES FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN  
CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT, SAFETY, QUALITY, AND PRODUCTIVITY**

*Knorr Production System (KPS) Awards Program Recognizes Individuals and Teams  
Representing Facilities Across North America*

**AVON, Ohio – May 28, 2024** – Recently, Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) employees from across its North American locations came together to recognize teams and individuals who are helping improve workplace safety, environmental conditions, production quality, and manufacturing efficiency. The honorees, who embody the company's commitment to drive improvements in its operations, gathered in Bowling Green, Kentucky, home of the company's wheel-end manufacturing operation.

Winners in the annual award program represented Bendix facilities in Acuña, Mexico; Avon, Ohio; Bowling Green; Hanover, Pennsylvania, where Bendix subsidiary R.H. Sheppard Co., Inc. operates; Huntington, Indiana; and Monterrey, Mexico. Bendix honored three groups and 22 individuals for their commitment to continuous improvement in 2023 as part of the company's Knorr Production System (KPS). In addition to their dedication to continuous improvement, these team members personify Bendix's all-encompassing drive to help improve commercial vehicle and highway safety.

This year marked the 11<sup>th</sup> installment of the annual recognition program, which has expanded in scope to honor more employees and their devotion to continuously improving Bendix's work environment at all levels.

KPS award categories consisted of Safety STARS (Safety Top Achievement Recognition System), Environmental, Best Quick Kaizen, Most Quick Kaizens, and KPS Outstanding Contributor. Award winners were:

- Safety STARS Teams: Machining P1, Acuña; FDB Assembly Benches, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift, Bowling Green; Shipping Fast Break, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift, Huntington
- Environmental: Jorge Moreno, Raul Ramirez, and Enrique Chavez, Acuña; Himanshu Pandya, Bowling Green; Randy Brown, Huntington; Mark Matko, Avon
- Best Quick Kaizen: Sergio Segura, Acuña; Paulo Leal, Monterrey; Himanshu Pandya, Bowling Green; Rob Snow, Huntington; David Leatherman, R.H. Sheppard; Phillip Kasper and Justin Turner, Avon
- Most Quick Kaizens: Yolanda Flota, Acuña; Carlos Zavala, Monterrey; Lisa Eldridge, Bowling Green; Linda Bowman, Huntington; Trudy Mays, R.H. Sheppard; Stephen Mitchell, Avon
- KPS Outstanding Contributor: Oscar Llano, Acuña; Mitchell Bratcher, Bowling Green; Ben Maylin, Huntington; Christy Racine, R.H. Sheppard

“We launched KPS at Bendix in 2012 to pursue a shared vision, embracing a ‘one-plant approach’ to steer us toward operational excellence,” said Piotr Sroka, Bendix chief executive office, president, and chief operating officer. “Since then, countless individuals have dedicated themselves to the vision, bringing forth their talents, ideas, and hard work to ensure our collective safety and enhance our environment, processes, workstations, and production lines. The recognition program is a special way to celebrate the people who lead the way. They bring the KPS spirit to life and help motivate everyone as we build momentum for the future.”

All Bendix manufacturing operations are committed to the KPS quality, productivity, and continuous improvement culture, practiced worldwide throughout the Munich, Germany-based Knorr-Bremse, of which Bendix is a member.

A key aspect of the KPS philosophy is encouraging and empowering employees to recognize potential problems, then develop and help implement their own suggestions for quality improvements. These employee-driven changes are what help define a Quick Kaizen environment where people and teams proactively seek to improve manufacturing. In 2023, Bendix team members identified and implemented more than 22,000 ideas – among the most ever since Bendix put Quick Kaizens into operation in 2013. Of those 22,000 Quick Kaizens, Bendix implemented nearly 20,000.

“The accomplishments celebrated in the KPS awards bring Bendix closer to major company safety goals such as zero injuries, climate goals like zero waste, and operational goals on quality and productivity,” said Fabio Nakai, Bendix director, operations excellence. “Day after day, our people and our teams bring their best selves to the job in the name of continuous improvement and operational excellence.”

#### **About Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC**

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, a member of Knorr-Bremse, develops and supplies leading-edge active safety technologies, energy management solutions, and air brake charging and control systems and components under the Bendix® brand name for medium- and heavy-duty trucks, tractors, trailers, buses, and other commercial vehicles throughout North America. An industry pioneer, employing more than 4,400 people, Bendix – and its wholly owned subsidiary, R.H. Sheppard Co., Inc. – is driven to deliver the best solutions for improved vehicle safety, performance, and overall operating cost. Contact us at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725) or visit [bendix.com](https://www.bendix.com). Stay connected and informed through Bendix expert podcasts, blog posts, videos, and other resources at [knowledge-dock.com](https://www.knowledge-dock.com). Follow Bendix on X, formerly known as Twitter, at [twitter.com/Bendix\\_CVS](https://twitter.com/Bendix_CVS). Log on and learn from the Bendix experts at [brake-school.com](https://www.brake-school.com). And to learn more about career opportunities at Bendix, visit [bendix.com/careers](https://www.bendix.com/careers).

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